



JUDICIAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 11, 2008

The Judicial Advisory Board of the City of Mesa met in the lower level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on June 11, 2008 at 7:54 a.m.

COMMITTEE PRESENT

David M. Talamante, Chairman
Marlon E. Branham
Stella Hunsaker
Scott Rhodes
Murray G. Snow

COMMITTEE ABSENT

Michael Cowan
Linda Rottman

STAFF PRESENT

Kathleen Broman
Michael Claspell
Matt Tafoya
Paul Thomas
Susan Bozille

(Boardmembers Cowan and Rottman were excused from the meeting.)

1. Approve the minutes from the March 5, 2008 Judicial Advisory Board meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Branham, that the minutes of the March 5, 2008 Judicial Advisory Board meeting be approved.

Chairman Talamante declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no items from citizens present.

3. Review, discuss and take action on items related to the appointment of a new City Magistrate:

a. Review appointment schedule.

Deputy City Clerk Michael Claspell briefly reviewed the process that would be undertaken by the Board regarding the appointment of a new City Magistrate. He explained that following today's Executive Session, the Board would announce the names of the candidates selected to be interviewed for the City Magistrate vacancy and also set the date and time for such interviews. Mr. Claspell added that at a future meeting, the Board would discuss background reference checks for the candidates and recommend three finalists to the City Council for their consideration.

Chairman Talamante stated that it was his understanding that the City received 22 applications for the position of City Magistrate, of which the Board must interview a minimum of six applicants and recommend at least three candidates to the City Council.

In response to a series of questions from Chairman Talamante, Mr. Claspell clarified that June 25, 2008 has been tentatively set as the date for the Board to conduct the interviews of the candidates. He explained that the meeting room is reserved between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., but noted that additional time or dates could be made available, if necessary.

4. Convene an Executive Session.

- a. Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion or resignation of a public officer, appointee or employee of the City. (A.R.S. 38-431.03A(1))
 - 1. Appointment of Magistrate – Board to select top candidates to interview (minimum of six).
 - 2. Finalize and assign interview questions.

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Branham, that an Executive Session be convened at 7:58 a.m. to discuss the appointment of a new City Magistrate.

Chairman Talamante declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(At 9:20 a.m., the Executive Session adjourned and the Board reconvened their regular meeting.)

5. Announce the names of the candidates selected for interview.

Chairman Talamante stated that all 22 applicants have significant experience and a variety of job qualifications. He noted, however, that the Board selected those candidates who they felt best met the City's needs and the appointment criteria.

Chairman Talamante announced the names of the candidates selected for interviews as follows: Martha Asburn, Vallerye Boyer-Wells, Laura Estay Lowery, Craig Fujii, James Hazel, Jr., Aaron LaSota and Roberta Miller.

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Branham, that the above-listed individuals be interviewed by the Board for the City Magistrate vacancy.

Chairman Talamante declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Talamante stated that the Board also selected an alternate candidate who would be interviewed in the event one of the seven applicants withdrew his/her application. He added that the name of the alternate would be identified only if that were to occur.

6. Scheduling of meetings and general information.

Next meeting: June 25, 2008, 11:00 a.m.
Lower Level Council Chambers
57 E. First Street

Chairman Talamante stated that it was the consensus of the Board that the interviews commence at 11:20 a.m., that the Board conduct four interviews, recess for a 30-minute lunch break, and complete the remainder of the interviews.

7. Adjournment.

It was moved by Boardmember Snow, seconded by Boardmember Branham, that the meeting of the Judicial Advisory Board be adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Chairman Talamante declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Judicial Advisory Board meeting of the City of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 11th day of June 2008. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LINDA CROCKER, CITY CLERK